



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(Currently amended). An assembly for treating a tissue region comprising
a catheter tube having a distal end,

an expandable structure comprising first and second spines arranged in a desired circumferential array to define a basket assembly projecting beyond the distal end of the catheter tube and including a far end, and

a distal tip assembly having a proximal region and a distal region and projecting beyond the far end of the basket assembly, the distal tip assembly including a rigid ~~proximal region~~ first member adapted to engage at least one of the first and second spines to maintain the first and second spines in the desired circumferential array, and a ~~distal less rigid region~~ second member, the second member being sized and configured to overlap the first member, at least in part, for coupling to couple the first and second members, whereby the proximal region second member and extending extends beyond the first member proximal region to provide a gradient of decreasing stiffness from the proximal region to the distal region.

2 (Canceled).

3 (Previously presented). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein at least one of the first and second spines carries an electrode.

4 (Canceled).

5 (Previously presented). An assembly according to claim 1, further comprising
an inflatable member positioned in an interior of the basket assembly, the inflatable member having an inflated condition that expands the basket assembly.

6 (Canceled).

7 (Currently amended). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein the ~~proximal region~~ first member accommodates passage of a guidewire.

8 (Currently amended). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein the ~~distal region~~ second member accommodates passage of a guidewire.

9 (Currently amended). An assembly according to claim 8
wherein the ~~distal region~~ second member accommodates passage of a guidewire without threading the guidewire through the catheter tube.

10 (Currently amended). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein the ~~proximal region~~ first member includes a first guidewire lumen,
wherein the ~~distal region~~ second member includes a second guidewire lumen, and
wherein the first guidewire lumen communicates with the second guidewire lumen to permit
passage of a guidewire through the first and second members ~~proximal and distal regions~~.

11 (New). An assembly according to claim 1
wherein the second member is sized and configured to be removably coupled to the first
member.